

2. Equipment & land and structures	116,000
Capitol Projects:	
3. ADA requirements, LB&G's	0
4. Elevator/escalator modernization, LOC buildings	0
5. Replace Halon fire system, LOC computer room	0
6. Design: Install additional sprinklers, JMMB	100,000
7. Lightning protection, JMMB	0
8. Design: Upgrade book conveyor systems, JTB & JAB	0
9. HVAC improvements NW curtain, TJB	0
10. Audio Visual Conservation Center, Culpeper	(¹)
11. Design: ADA requirements, LB&G	60,000
12. Design: Book conveyor system security	60,000
13. Design: Replace lighting dimmer system, JMMB	45,000
14. Design: Refuge areas & emergency lighting ..	145,000
15. High voltage switch gear, JMMB	442,000

¹ See below.

These funds include \$3,000,000 which, together with \$3,000,000 provided under the Capitol power plant, Architect of the Capitol, make \$6 million available for improvements to the Culpeper audio-visual facility and the 42% retroactive water and sewer bill rate increase. These funds are not available until released by the Committees on Appropriations.

The conferees applaud the Architect of the Capitol for creating a Life Safety Program Division within his organization to address workplace safety, fire-protection and environmental concerns. The conferees believe that the Architect must consider the physical safety of the thousands who visit and work in the Capitol complex as one of his highest priorities.

The conferees note the five citations issued to the Architect on July 9, 1999, by the Office of Compliance for serious life-safety violations discovered during inspection of the James Madison Building in the aftermath of the April 30, 1999, fire. The Architect is directed to provide within 30 days to the Committees on Appropriations, the Committee on House Administration and the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, both minority and majority, a report on all activities undertaken to abate the violations and prevent their recurrence in the Madison Building or elsewhere in the complex. The Architect is further directed to provide within 30 days to the Librarian and these committees, majority and minority, a reasonable, effective and efficient plan of action, including milestones/completion dates, to correct the hazards and deficiencies which the Librarian has identified.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conferees agree to a limitation of \$175,000 for travel expenses within salaries and expenses, Superintendent of Documents, as proposed by the House instead of \$150,000 as proposed by the Senate.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE REVOLVING FUND

The conferees have deleted \$5,000,000 as proposed by the Senate for air conditioning and elevator upgrades at the Government Printing Office. The GPO is reminded that building repair and renovation plans have not been presented to the authorizing committees.

The conferees agree to a 3,313 workyears limitation at the Government Printing Office as proposed by the House instead of 3,383 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees agree with the provision in the House bill regarding requests by the Public Printer for a different number of FTE's, subject to the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

The conferees have authorized an increase in the threshold for advertised bids by the Government Printing Office from \$25,000 to \$100,000 as proposed by the House, thereby matching a threshold that is standard throughout the executive branch.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriates \$379,000,000 for salaries and expenses, General Accounting Office instead of \$371,181,000 as proposed by the House and \$382,298,000 as proposed by the Senate. This level of funding will provide for 3275 FTE's. The conferees understand that the responsibilities for the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP) will be transferred from the General Accounting Office to the General Services Administration and have altered the routine provisions of the GAO appropriating language accordingly.

TITLE III—GENERAL PROVISIONS

In Title III, General Provisions, section numbers have been changed to conform to the conference agreement. The conferees have agreed to include section 305, a sense of Congress provision relating to purchase of American-made products and the technical corrections to the authority provided to the Architect of the Capitol to conduct a buy-out program as proposed by the House.

The conferees have included a provision that amends section 316 of Public Law 101-302 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees have included language amending the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999 (Public Law 105-277) to substitute the Capitol Preservation Commission for several committees as the approval authority for the Capitol Visitor Center. The conferees have included language extending the availability of funds for the Trade Deficit Review Commission and have included a provision of the Senate bill regarding creditable service with congressional campaign committees. The provisions regarding West Front concerts and section 207(e) of Title 18 have been dropped. At the request of the managers on the part of the Senate, the conferees have added a provision regarding the use of frequent flyer miles earned through Senate travel.

TITLE IV—FISCAL YEAR 1999 SUPPLEMENTAL, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

In addition, the conferees have included fiscal year 1999 matters as follows:

A death gratuity has been provided to the widow of George E. Brown, Jr., late a Representative from the State of California and a change has been made to a House Information Resources reimbursement ceiling.

CONFERENCE TOTAL—WITH COMPARISONS

The total new budget (obligational) authority for the fiscal year 2000 recommended by the Committee of Conference, with comparisons to the fiscal year 1999 amount, the 2000 budget estimates, and the House and Senate bills for 2000 follow:

[In thousands of dollars]

New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1999	\$2,581,152
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2000	2,622,101
House bill, fiscal year 2000	1,862,153
Senate bill, fiscal year 2000	2,488,708
Conference agreement, fiscal year 2000	2,457,064
Conference agreement, compared with:	
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1999	- 124,088
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2000	- 165,037
House bill, fiscal year 2000	+594,911
Senate bill, fiscal year 2000	- 31,644

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RICHARD J. DURBIN,
ROBERT C. BYRD,

Managers on the Part of the Senate.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. REYES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for after 7 p.m. today and August 5 on account of attending a family funeral.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PALLONE for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. HASTINGS of Florida for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. SPRATT for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. SHERMAN for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. SMITH of Washington for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. VITTER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. EMERSON for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOEKSTRA for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. VITTER for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. METCALF for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SIMPSON for 5 minutes, August 5.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 40 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until today.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3481. A letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Performance of Certain Functions by the National Futures Association with Respect to Regulation 9.11—received July 29, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3482. A letter from the Deputy Under Secretary, National Resources and Environment, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Land Uses; Appeal of Decisions Relating to Occupancy and Use of National Forest System Lands; Mediation of Grazing Disputes (RIN: 0596-AB59) received July 21, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3483. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Gypsy Moth Generally Infested Areas [Docket No. 99-042-1] received July 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3484. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Hydrogen Peroxide; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-300872; FRL-6093-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received June 17, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3485. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Propargite; Revocation of Certain Tolerances [OPP-300891; FRL-6089-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received July 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3486. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Dalapon, Fluchloralin, et al.; Various Tolerance Revocations [OPP-300841A; FRL-6093-6] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received July 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3487. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmit-

ting the Agency's final rule—Biphenyl, Calcium cyanide, and Captafol, et al.; Final Tolerance Actions [OPP-300898; FRL-6092-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received July 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3488. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bentazon, Cyanazine, Dicrotophos, Diquat, Ethephon, Oryzalin, Oxadiazon, Picloram, Prometryn, and Trifluralin; Tolerance Actions [OPP-300847A; FRL-6093-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received July 19, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3489. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Zinc Phosphide; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300893; FRL-6090-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received July 21, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3490. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Formaldehyde; Revocation of Exemptions from the Requirement of Tolerances [OPP-300868A; FRL-6097-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received July 29, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3491. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fenbutatin oxide, Glyphosate, Linuron, and Mevinphos; Tolerance Actions [OPP-300906; FRL-6096-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received July 29, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3492. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Azoxytobrin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300880; FRL-6086-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received July 29, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3493. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Spinosad; Pesticide Tolerances For Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300882; FRL-6086-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received July 15, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3494. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pyriproxyfen; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300901; FRL-6092-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received July 27, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3495. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a request for appropriations in budget authority for the Department of Health and Human Services' Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program; (H. Doc. No. 106-111); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

3496. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Electronic Publication of DFARS [DFARS

Case 98-D024] received July 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3497. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Improved Accounting for Defense Contract Services [DFARS Case 98-D312] received July 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3498. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Short Form Research Contract Clauses [DFARS Case 99-D014] received July 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3499. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report involving U.S. exports to South Africa, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3500. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Asset and Liability Backup Program (RIN: 3064-AC23) received June 17, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3501. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Procedures (RIN: 3069-AA86) received June 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3502. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Organization and Operations of Federal Credit Unions; Fidelity BOND and Insurance Coverage for Federal Credit Unions; Requirements for Insurance—received June 18, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3503. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Change in Official or Senior Executive officer in Credit Unions that are Newly Chartered or are in a Troubled Condition (RIN: 3133-AC03) received June 18, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3504. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Organization and Operation of Federal Credit Unions; Member Business Loans [12 C.F.R. Part 723] received June 27, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3505. A letter from the General Counsel, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—AmeriCorps Education Awards (RIN: 3045-AA09) received July 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3506. A letter from the Executive Director, Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting the Authority's final rule—Amendment of Equal Access to Justice Act Attorney Fees Regulations [5 CFR part 2430] received June 15, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3507. A letter from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Allocation of